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¶1. (SBU) The Charge delivered reftel points to Kyrgyz Foreign Minister Kadyrbek Sarbayev on July 5. Sarbayev acknowledged the seriousness of incidents involving journalists, and the Charge suggested that it would be helpful if President Bakiyev make a statement regarding those incidents or the conduct of the election. Sarbayev was noncommittal about any presidential statement. Embassy will report any additional feedback septel.

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